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GAS PLANT NOT DEAD.

Management Says Work will be Resumed the First of the Week.

Wm. Kersensbrook, who is manager of the new gas plant in the absence of F. J. Miller who has had the work in charge, said Saturday last to a Journal representative: "Work will positively be resumed on the gas plant next Monday or Tuesday. The work is stopped only temporarily, during the absence of Mr. Miller, and the gas plant has not gone by the board by any means."

Mr. Kersensbrook is the only man who can speak with any degree of authority on the subject, and his announcement will be very welcome news to the public.

District Court.

Mrs. Minnie Cunningham filed a petition in district court last Saturday praying for a divorce from her husband, Joseph S. Cunningham, on the alleged ground of non-support, cruelty and other grounds including drunkenness. The parties to the suit reside in Columbus.

A petition was filed also by Mary Lena Johnson asking to be divorced from her husband, John A. Johnson. The plaintiff alleges desertion for more than two years without cause, as a ground for action and asks to have her maiden name restored.

School of Agriculture.

Commencing January 2, 1905, the University of Nebraska offers a course of instruction in the principles and practice of agriculture. The course covers the subjects of soil, field crops, dairying, butter and cheese making, breads and judging of live stock, disease of farm animals, horticulture, shop work, farm machinery, and English. No examinations are required for entrance.

It would seem that many students from this county should attend and take advantage of the instruction offered, for the knowledge gained will not only enable young farmers to get better returns from the land but will also help them save money in carrying on farm work.

Young People's Banquet.

The men of the Young People's Club gave a dance and banquet Wednesday night in honor of the young ladies which proved to be one of the most enjoyable and most brilliant social functions of the year. Maennerchor Hall, where the young people danced till eleven o'clock, was tastefully decorated in ferns and carnations. Prof. Sike furnished the music and he is said to have excelled all his previous efforts.

At eleven o'clock the party repaired to the banquet tables, prepared by J. W. Wisniewski at the Vermont hotel. It was here that the young men proved themselves to be not only most excellent hosts, but distinguished themselves as distinguished entertainers.

Dr. Platz presided as toastmaster and responses were made on the part of the gentlemen by Messrs. Lloyd Swain, Chas. Deck, Fred Spivey, Ed Fitzpatrick, Julius Nichols and Fred Saffron. Mrs. Chas. Deck responded on behalf of the ladies. Mr. Swain told all about his "Wedding Trip to the Grand Island Route." Mr. Deck responded on the subject, "Substitutions in our lives were from One to One." Mrs. Spivey spoke on the subject "What She is in St. Louis." Ed Fitzpatrick answered blithely the question "Why is a Prety Girl Like the Elmer Stone?" Mr. Nichols responded humorously on the "Tale of an Ex-Tank," or the Slippery Condition of the Water Wagon." And Fred Saffron spoke with the air of one who knows on the subject, "Escarpments of College Students, unknown to mothers and Sweethearts." As toastmaster, Dr. Platz distinguished himself.

A write-up of the banquet would be incomplete without special mention of the excellent service furnished by Mr. Wisniewski and the beautiful floral decoration of roses and carnations. The ladies present were: Misses Polly Becker, Kathryn and Lestis Spivey, Hattie Schwan, Ethel Gallier, Marie Wiestelohm, Florence Kramer, Madeline Chas. Deck, Lloyd Swain and Irene Spivey. The gentlemen, besides those who responded to toasts, were: Bert Gallier, Wm. Zimmerman, Con Keating, Prof. Sike, Gus Becker and Dr. Mark McMahon.

HOLDEN ON TRIAL.

State Begins Examination of Witnesses—Cashier Tells His Story.

The trial of William Holden, charged with the shooting of Cashier B. H. Schroeder in the Platte County Bank at Platte Center, on November 22, began Tuesday afternoon. Judge Post is assisting County Attorney Latham in the prosecution, and Albert & Hobart are attorneys for the defendant.

The prisoner is a young man, slender, of dark complexion, and not a bad looking fellow. Mr. Schroeder is present at the trial, almost completely recovered from the wound inflicted by the bullet. He is wearing the coat which he had on at the time of the shooting, with the button still missing which was carried away by the bullet of the would-be robber, and the hole in the cloth just as it was made by the ball passing through it.

Talking to a Journal representative, Mr. Schroeder told how he was standing behind the bank window counting over some checks. The first knowledge he had of the presence of anyone was when he looked up and found himself gazing into the little end of a gun. He says the robber twice commanded him to throw up his hands, and then shot him as Schroeder was reaching for his own gun.

Mr. Schroeder says the ticklish part of the experience was not before the shot was fired, but immediately afterwards. When he fell to the floor, wounded but still conscious, the assassin came inside the railing and standing over him put the muzzle of his weapon against the fallen man's temple and warned him not to attempt any resistance or make any outcry.

Mr. Schroeder admits that the sensation was one which could not be described as a pleasant one. The state has subpoenaed 60 witnesses and the defense ten. The accused man stoutly protests his innocence. The prosecution will attempt to prove that Holden has been a convict in both the Michigan and the Ohio penitentiaries, the latter on a charge of arson.

A jury was secured at four o'clock and court adjourned until tomorrow morning when the taking of testimony will begin. The jury is as follows: Robert Lewis, A. Luth, C. O. Moore, J. O. Blodgett, Thomas Schaeffer, George Wood, Henry Luckey, A. J. McDonnell, Herman Greening, David Schunbach, R. E. Jones and Joseph Lisco.

An element of sentimental interest was added to the trial by a report that Holden is engaged to a young lady of Orono. The story has not been confirmed. The court room was crowded this morning when Judge Reeder took his seat to begin the examination of witnesses in the Holden trial. About fifty witnesses for the state answered to the roll call and were duly sworn. The witnesses alone occupied all the standing room in the small court room.

County Attorney Latham made the preliminary statement to the jury and read the charge. A death-like silence spread over the court room and every one present leaned forward with eager interest to catch every word when B. H. Schroeder, who was still somewhat pale from the effects of the would-be robber's bullet, took the witness stand for the state. And if any one present had entertained any doubt previously as to Mr. Schroeder's heroism, those doubts were removed after listening to the testimony of the modest, unassuming young man who, after he thought he was shot fatally, crawled twenty feet to the bank vault and securely locked the door that guarded his employers' and the depositors' money, before he gave his own personal welfare a thought or tried to summon aid for himself.

The defendant, Wm. Holden, is the most cool and collected individual in the court room. At every attempt of identification on the part of the state's witnesses, Holden's face lights up and the faintest ripple of a smile passes over his face. It is the smile of one amused, but too indifferent to open his lips to sustain the witness.

He listens with apparent interest to the state's testimony but it is with the interest of an ordinary spectator rather than that of a principal in the trial. Mr. Schroeder told his story to the jury and it was essentially the same as has been published in the Journal before. He said that on the twenty-second of November he had gone to the post office for his mail at noon according to his custom and had returned to the bank and begun to enter up the checks received in a day book. He heard someone enter but did not look up until he heard the steps behind the wicket, and then he found himself looking into the muzzle of a thirty-two calibre revolver.

The stranger ordered him twice to throw up his hands saying "I mean business." He refused and started to reach for a revolver which was only four inches from his hand, under the slab on which his hand was resting. He had not moved his hand three inches when the stranger fired, the bullet entering his breast after glancing from the top button of his coat. He was stunned by the shot but said that he was still conscious. He fell backward to the floor but was aware in a moment that the stranger was coming back of the wicket. The stranger placed a revolver on his temple as he lay on the floor and threatened to shoot if he made an outcry. In a moment he heard voices on the outside and the stranger suddenly

disappeared, not stopping to take any money. Then, Mr. Schroeder testified that he felt sure that he was fatally shot and resolved to get to the vault to lock it while he was still alive. Before going to the vault however, he dashed himself to the side window in time to see riding past the bank north, on a bay pony the stranger who had shot him. Mr. Schroeder testified that the man wore a dark blue handkerchief tied over his face and a brown cap when he appeared at the wicket and he identified a handkerchief and a cap introduced in the trial, as similar to those worn by the assailant. He also testified that the stranger had removed the handkerchief from his face when he saw him on the pony and he positively identified Holden as the man.

An interesting incident of the cross-examination of Mr. Schroeder was brought out when Attorney Albert, Holden's attorney, asked him why he did not identify Holden on the day of the shooting, when Sheriff Carrig faced him with the prisoner. Mr. Schroeder replied that he knew Holden was the man but that he acted on the advice of his physician, Dr. Evans, who advised him not to try to identify the prisoner as it would excite him too much.

Louis Stone, who runs a saloon near the bank, was the next witness called. He testified that he heard the cries of Wm. Schelp, the assistant cashier, and that he ran out on the street, calling to his partner to bring a gun and that he saw the defendant coming down the bank steps with a gun in each hand. He said to his partner "That's the man, shoot him." But the gun missed fire. Then he saw the defendant mount a bay pony and start up the street north. He followed him and saw him turn west in an alley. In this alley, he testified that the defendant leaned forward over his pony and attempted to change his hat but dropped it. The witness picked it up and turned it over to the

prosecution, identifying it as in court as the same hat that he picked up in the alley. He also identified the defendant. This testimony constituted the basis of the state's prosecution. Forty more witnesses testified but their testimony was largely corroborative and was used simply to follow Holden from Platte Center to the scene of his capture at Orono by Deputy Roberts. The defense also posed no testimony and the case will be argued tomorrow. There is much interesting testimony that will be published in the Journal tomorrow, including the exciting story of the pursuit and capture that will appear in the Journal tomorrow.

Shooters' Tournament. The Columbus Gun Club never does things by halves. Its members are proud of the fact that D. D. Bray, a fellow member, holds the championship of the middle west. They have given expression to that pride by arranging for a two days tournament for Thursday and Friday, December 15 and 16. The chief event of the tournament will be the contest between D. D. Bray of Columbus and Mr. Reed of Orono Friday afternoon. This contest will decide the championship of Nebraska and the middle west, on flying targets. The beautiful Denver Post Trophy challenge cup which will go to the winner is on exhibition in the window of L. F. Phillips store.

There are other events, however, which will make the tournament a center of interest from Thursday morning till the championship shoot Friday afternoon. There will be a large number of 15 target events, one of which on Thursday, carries a prize of a \$100 shot gun. The best shooters of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and other states will be present to contest for honors. The tournament will be held in Gottschalk's grove north of the city, the first bet being placed so that the shooters can face either north or south according to the weather.

The sales at Snow's bookstore last Saturday, of which the Ladies Guild of the Episcopal Church had charge, and ten per cent of the proceeds of which went to the Guild's treasury, amounted to \$154.05. The ladies are more than pleased with their profits, as they had not expected to get for their share, more than ten dollars. They also have many good things to say about Mr. and Mrs. Snow who treated them so generously.

The most interesting feature of the day's sale was a lottery in which sixty numbers at 50 cents a number were sold, on two beautiful toilet sets, a smoking set and a tobacco jar. Mrs. W. W. Baskin drew the first prize, a sterling silver toilet set worth \$17.50. H. R. White came second, drawing a sterling silver toilet set worth \$9. Clarence Hollenbeck won the \$2.50 smoking set, and L. Schwarz drew the tobacco jar, valued at \$2.35. Nine ladies, provided by the Guild as clerks, were kept busy all day, and several of them are said to have exhibited the characteristics of expert saleswomen.

Zack Sweeney, who gave the second number on the high school lecture course, delivered one of the best lectures that has been heard in Columbus. His lecture was philosophical and overflowing with optimism. He discussed the basic principles upon which American civilization is founded; showed how invasion and revolution underlie all great historic epochs; discussed the capacity of each race that has a part in producing America and the American citizen, and discussed the future of our country. He finds the world theater of the next century the Pacific Ocean which the United States and the Anglo-Saxon will dominate by way of the Panama Canal, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Alaska, our Pacific coast and Hawaii. Mr. Sweeney is an orator and a profound thinker. This was his second appearance on the high school course and he has proved a favorite on each occasion. This is the second number of the high school course, and such attractions as are being offered, deserve the strongest support of the public. The next number in the "Tablet" is January 1.

MRS. LAWRENCE DEAD.—Word was received here of the death Saturday morning of Mrs. George Lawrence in St. Louis. Six weeks ago Mrs. Lawrence gave birth to a girl baby and since that time had not recovered strength. However, she was much improved, and Mr. Lawrence had gone to Arkansas on a business trip and was unable to reach home before her death. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have been married twelve years and two children have been born to them, the first child dying in infancy. The remains of the deceased will be kept for a time in a vault in St. Louis and then brought to Weeping Water where other members of the family are buried. Mr. Lawrence may possibly bring his child to his mother, Mrs. E. J. Young north of town, to make her home.

Highlanders Elect. Burgess Castle, No. 14, Royal Highlanders, elected officers last evening as follows: Mort Murphy, I. P.; Dr. C. H. Platz, C. C.; Wm. Zimmerman, W. E.; J. M. Curtis, Sec'y.; Frank Schram, Treas.; Wm. Snell, Warden; Max Thomas, Sentry; Henry Lasker and Carl Johnson, Trustees; Dr. Platz and Dr. D. T. Martin, Jr., recommended as examining board. The secretary wishes to announce that the meeting night has been changed from the first Thursday of each month to the second Monday of each month. The new officers will be installed Jan. 9th, and as there is other important business for this meeting a good attendance is desired.

The bowling contest at Hazel's alley last night between Platte Center and our home team was intensely interesting and the galleries were crowded with eager spectators. Columbus won with a total of 2365 to Platte Center's 2199. The highest score of the evening was made by D. C. Kavanagh, who made the remarkable score of 353. The score in detail was as follows: Platte Center, King 344; Pinskiy 281; Horn 413; Press 405; Gressen 284. Columbus, Kavanagh 353; Drake 295; Graves 430; Scott 374; Tiffany 322.

Mr. Hagel has arranged to have the Omaha champions here next Monday night. Omaha has some of the world's greatest bowlers and it will be a rare treat to the lovers of the sport to see them. Mr. Hagel has hired the Columbus band to furnish them music and he will charge the small fee of 25 cents for admission.

Additional Local. R. W. Soley is in Humphry today. L. Gluck is confined to his home today from an attack of "strippe." Mrs. John Kumpf is confined to her room with a severe attack of rheumatism. W. A. Williams of Omaha, state revenue collector, was in the city today. Gus Becker, sr. and J. E. North are in Omaha today attending the Grand chapter of the Masonic lodge. The St. Ann social club will hold their second card party at the K. P. Hall tomorrow evening, December 15. Judge J. N. Paul of St. Paul was in town today on his way to Grand Island where he will hold a term of court. Rev. Father Barrett of Omaha has been in the city for several days, canvassing for the True Voice, an Omaha publication. Gus Becker jr. went to Lincoln today to meet his sister, Mrs. Adams, who will remain in Columbus during the winter months. COLDEST DAY.—Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, the thermometer of U. C. Gray registered 2 degrees above zero, the lowest record of the winter. The Independent Telephone wires have been connected south to York,

and two new country lines with ten subscribers each, connected with Dancon.

Honor have elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. J. F. Kirkpatrick, chief of honor; Mrs. Lizzie Dolan, lady of honor; Mrs. Palmer, chief of ceremonies; Mrs. Nellie Dolan, usher; Mrs. J. Lennan, receiver; Mrs. Robt. McCray, financier; Mrs. Rositer, recorder; Mrs. Emma Abta, inside watch; Mrs. North, outside watch; trustee, Jack Leaman, Geo. Dowell, Robt. McCray, physician, Dr. Platz.

"The Moonshiner's Daughter," seen at North's opera house last Monday night is declared by all who saw it, to be one of the very best things ever seen in Columbus. This is saying a good deal just after the appearance of "Her Only Son" and "Quincy Adams Sawyer," which delighted Columbus audiences. The acting was clean throughout. "Superb" is the only word that adequately describes the whole performance. The work of the "Tramp" and the Negroes appealed especially to the fun-lovers, and the company had their audience in perfect control, moving them from laughter to tears with natural ease. The attendance was not in proportion to the merits of the play. Manager Soley has been bringing some high class attractions here. And when he offers such a treat as the "Moonshiner's Daughter," it is a shame he is not better supported.

Dr. Chas. H. Platz, Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon, P. O. Block, Columbus.

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Embroidery, former price 20c, now	15c
Embroidery, former price 25c, now	20c

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